

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, and 10 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 2, and 3 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, and entry thereof is respectfully requested. In the alternative, entry of this amendment is requested as placing the application in better condition for appeal by, at least, reducing the number of issues outstanding. Further reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 8, 9, and 10.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 8, 9, and 10 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims 8, 9, and 10 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing this Amendment, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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